PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE re the Application of

Group Art Unit: 3723

Examiner:

H. Shakeri

Filed: April 26, 2001

Makoto KOBAYASHI et al.

Application No.: 09/830,434

Docket No.: 109352

For:

POLISHING PAD AND POLISHING METHOD

MAIL STOP RCE

FOR SEMI-CONDUCTOR WAFER

LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR **CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination. Applicants further request entry and consideration of the:

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attached submission.

The submission filed [Date] is not to be entered.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. $\underline{147450}$ in the amount of \boxtimes \$770.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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